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WORDS OF WISDOM.

Sage of Red Oak Grove Writes Interesting Letter From "Pig-eon Texas." Advertiser Commended.

Hello! Yes, 'tis raining, and has been since early this morning, and 'tis now, two o'clock p. m. What am I doing? Trying to collect my thoughts after reading your paper of the 9th inst. How did I read it? Well, from A to Z and as an old man that I knew, always called the letter z, not even overlooking quite a number of advertisements, and also the announcements for public office. Pretty soon to begin to trot around, kissing babies and making promises. While I think of it, I do wonder if the hens knew that it was election year and went on a strike, or was it from the want of food that they refused to lay eggs? Anyway fried chickens will be late in our section, but I heard a fellow say a few days ago, that a brother-in-law of his killed a hen for dinner, and before night on the same day every hen on the place had laid an egg and even the roosters went on the nest. Next!

We had for several days real spring weather, and some plowing done, the first since Christmas. Some oats are being sown by those who failed to sow in the fall. Fall sown grain, both wheat and oats, have begun to grow some, and better stands than were hoped for, are left on the ground.

There has been a great deal of sickness among us since Christmas, mostly LaGrippe and a few cases of pneumonia. Mrs. T. M. Dora has been quite sick but at present is able to be up again, also Mrs. Manie Morgan, wife of Jno. Ed Morgan, has been seriously ill, but is better and the doctor says on the road to recovery.

And the writer of this is not to say sick; he is not to say well, kind or worse. I guess, but if the weather clears off and he can push a wheel and drive a nail, then he will be all right.

Did you know, Mr. Editor, that one of the S. C. C. I. girls is teaching our school at Flat Rock this year? This is a fact, and not a word from any one about her, not even from her fellow whom we all do wish she would make an Aero-plane out of for two years more, at least, for we are all jealous because we want her at least two years more to teach our school; so I just say I would rejoice if that fellow gets kicked hard enough to last him two years.

The two old bachelors of our section are still waiting for some fair maid to propose, from the fact that neither knows how, but just take up their hats and leave when their girl says no, but possibly intends to say yes next time. Why, sir, they actually went nearly to Columbia prospecting, they say, but did not say what they were prospecting for. Well, they are both fine old men, if they are a little bald. B. R. Tillman says there are none so old or grey but that a goose may come that way. So mote it be!

Yes, we are going to plant more corn, use more manure and try to work it better, and raise more meat with potatoes, goobers and molasses, for when potatoes are plentiful the flour in the barrel lasts longer, or it does at my house, and nothing helps more than a garden of good vegetables. Winter greens are always good eating after frost falls.

Old man, John Sharpton used to say he did not want to be buried alive, and to be sure that he was dead, just pass across his lips a leaf of well cooked winter collards and if he did not snap at it why just bury him, for if he wasn't dead he ought to be buried anyhow.

That was indeed a sad affair that took place at the court house, on last Monday. When men will go armed some one is almost sure to be hurt or killed. Why do they carry them? This is not necessary. I am sixty-five years old, and excepting six years since seventy-six, have not owned or carried one, and the six years that I did was while a constable for Brunson and Dobby, and then I never carried one unless I thought it necessary. During that six years, excepting three times, I had no use for one, and, strange to say, on those three occasions I was unarmed and I am glad that it was so, for it proved clearly to me that being unarmed does not place us in a very dangerous fix, from the fact that it would be a sorry man who would shoot one whom he knew was unarmed. I certainly sympathize with both families of the sad affair.

Mr. Editor, that memorial day dinner that the Daughters of the Confederacy propose! Why, sir, it makes the blood in my veins feel

and beat a little stronger, but, sir, there will be sad hearts there that day if all the old veterans should attend, from the fact that many faces that we knew will not be seen there, and voices, stilled that we loved to hear, even if it was muffled; fire! charge! and sometimes run, boys (but that was seldom), or protect yourselves behind trees and sometimes a post or fence. Yes, we are passing rapidly away, the youngest being now above sixty years of age, and what are the sons of some of the old veterans doing to help them in their declining years? They are in the legislative halls, but have forgotten that their fathers fought in a just cause. No old Reb can get on the pension roll unless some other old Reb makes oath that he was a soldier during the war. When T. M. Dora and myself die or get on the roll I don't know who will be over on the west side to certify for them. Well, I am glad to certify for any old soldier who is in need of a pension, but isn't it a fact that some getting pensions are in better shape for a living than some who do not. The state of Texas I understand pensions all over sixty years of age. So T. M. and myself had better move there before we get on the lift.

How about the Confederate Soldiers Home in Columbia? I thought it was only for those who had no homes of their own and were unable to make a living, but I find that I am mistaken. Just make up your mind to quit work, and go to the Soldiers Home. The few remaining Rebs will pay taxes to support you. But it has always been so that a good thing of any sort is imposed upon by a few, and I mean it when I say a few. Why not issue rations to the old fellows and let them cook it? They had it to do during the war. What does it cost the state per head (actually) to support one at a home in Columbia? Don't you think issuing rations would be cheaper? I do. Well, we will all soon be dead and won't need any rations or clothes, only a cheap pine coffin and a hole in the ground. Yes, those monuments, but in most cases who put them there? The wives and daughters of veterans. Now, Mr. lawmakers, just let us die in peace, and may you live in plenty and pleasure, but you too must follow after awhile.

The first newspaper I ever remember reading was the Edgefield Advertiser, and that was when I was a ten-year-old boy. My father, Drury Morgan, took it, and I am reading it yet, and enjoy it as well or better than when a boy.

Mr. Editor, if you won't tell P. H. Bussey on me, I just want to tell something on him. It was something he saw in the old Advertiser. There used to be a column headed Brevities and Levities and Pat wanted to know of his father who were those Brevities and Levities that the paper was always telling about? The column now is in local news.

I must stop or you will have to enlarge your paper. Long may you live to give us and our children one of the best and clearest weeklies I have ever read.

JUST UNCLE EV.

Things a Mother Should Not Do.

She should not forget that if she treats her boy as a gentleman he will do much towards making him a gentleman.

She should not treat her boy to perpetual frowns, scoldings, and fault-finding. "Sugar attracts more flies than vinegar." Love wins her boy to a noble manhood.

She should never be so busy or hard pressed for time that she cannot listen to him. If he lives to be a man he will all too soon leave her. She should make the most of him while she has him.

She should encourage outdoor exercise of sports, and she should not forget to train him with proper regard for his personal appearance.

She should not try to break her boy's will, but be thankful that he is manly enough to have a mind of his own and devote herself to training it to the noblest uses.

She should not fail to instill in him a distaste for all that is vulgar.

—Household.

The Tailor—Hip pockets? The Customer—Yes. The Tailor—Large or small? The Customer—Half pints.—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you like my new hat?" asked Mrs. Brooke. "Yes, indeed," replied Mrs. Lynn. "I had one just like it when they were in style."—Lippincott's.

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Banquet of I. O. O. F. Orange Blossoms Announced. Millinery Opening. Revival Services.

On last Thursday evening Johnston Odd Fellows entertained a large number of friends in a manner most enjoyable to all who were present. The evening was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Lawson, after which Mayor J. D. Bartley spoke a few words of greeting to the visitors. Short addresses were made by Rev. P. E. Monroe, of the Lutheran church, Mr. Jack A. Lott and Messrs. Beaver and Boney, of Ridge, the last two mentioned speaking on Odd Fellowship.

Rev. Lawson spoke on the benefits of the order. He spoke of the needs of Johnston, and suggested a chamber of commerce to rapid advancement.

After hearing these excellent addresses, all repaired to the adjoining hall where an elaborate supper was served.

The Lutheran Sunday School will have a special Easter service on Easter night. Appropriate music, recitations, etc., will be the features of the service.

Mrs. T. R. Denny was called to Pine View, Ga., last week on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Antoinette Walker. Mrs. Walker often visited here, having spent the summer with her daughter, and was a most lovable person. Her large circle of friends here deplore her death.

Mrs. J. A. Lott attended the Bible conference in Atlanta last week.

Mr. Nixon Dorn, of Parkville, visited his sister, Mrs. Dobby, last week.

Mrs. Paul Kiser and children, of Orangeburg, are guests at the home of the former's father, Mr. Pope Berry.

Mrs. Burrell Boatwright and P. B. Harrison have returned from a short visit to Columbia.

Miss Maud Quattlebaum is at home from a month's stay in New York.

Mrs. E. B. Wiggins has returned to her home in Jacksonville, Fla., after a visit to the home of her father, Mr. W. L. Quattlebaum.

Mr. Gary Fletcher has gone to Augusta, where he has accepted a position with Arrington Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and Miss May Willis came up from Blackville in their automobile this week for a short visit to relatives.

All of the feminine creation was headed for Mrs. M. E. Norris' on last Thursday and Friday to view the beautiful new spring hats. This was her opening and the display of hats, lovely flowers, and ribbons was enchanting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nicholson visited at the home of Mr. W. D. Ready, the last of the week.

Mrs. Lona White Ivy spent last week in Greenwood with her father, Mr. Tom White.

Mrs. Sallie Smith, of Cedartown, Ga., is spending this month with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Lawson. On Wednesday evening, March 24th, will occur the marriage of Miss Edith Watson and Mr. Frank Crouch. The wedding will be a quiet affair and will take place at the home of the bride's father, Mr. S. J. Watson. Mr. Crouch is of Sallada, S. C., but for the past year has held a position in the mercantile establishment of Mr. H. W. Crouch, of this place.

Messrs. Mims Walker, Jesse Derrick, T. R. Hoyt and J. A. Lott went over to Augusta on Saturday to attend the banquet given by the U. C. Council, of which they are members.

Miss Annie Waters, of Augusta, spent a few days of this week at her home here. She is stenographer for a prominent firm in Augusta.

Miss Pauline Hart is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rambo, in North Augusta.

At an early date protracted services will begin at the Baptist church, Rev. Lawson being assisted by an eminent divine from Georgia.

The Misses Rhoden, of the Philippi section, have opened up a new millinery store. Johnston now has three establishments of this kind.

Misses Hattie Lee Guess and Miss Maxie Sheppard and Mr. Guess were visitors here on Sunday.

Miss Sweet—It is just the sort of engagement ring I preferred. None of my others were nearly so pretty. How thoughtful of you!

George—Not at all, dear. This is the ring I have always used.—Kansas City Journal.

"You used to be an awful spendthrift." "Yep. But I ain't any longer." "Ah! Reformed?" "No—I spent it all."—Cleveland Leader.

PARKVILLE NEWS.

Flourishing Meriwether, New Buildings Going up, Town Officials Elected. Attractive Easter Music.

There are some flourishing little towns on the C. & W. C. railroad, but the town of Meriwether, the new home of Mr. William S. Middleton, is the only town between Augusta and Greenwood that can boast of water works. The home of Mr. Middleton, which is both large and roomy, as well as the town, is supplied with water by a hydraulic ram from a large spring half mile away. Meriwether is a beautiful town, situated in western Carolina. Among such picturesque scenery, that it has been styled by one of Edgefield's most gifted writers "the Switzerland of Edgefield." It is growing, for Mr. Middleton told me it had increased in population 400 per cent in the last three months.

Clark's Hill is growing, and we notice, that Modoc, in addition to the twin city annex, has two new stores in process of erection, one belonging to Mr. Seigler and the other to J. C. Harvelly.

Parkville's new brick building, belonging to Mr. H. H. Freeman, and the large Paroda building 50 by 70 feet, with large hall and offices in the second story are nearing completion.

The new residence of Mr. C. Robertson, on north main, has been raised, and Cashier W. P. Parks has the lumber on the ground for his new residence, which will soon commence.

Miss Carrie Cotton, beautiful and vivacious, formerly of this town but now of Rehoboth, paid a flying visit to friends here Saturday.

Mr. Eugene Langley of the flourishing town of Plain Branch was a welcomed visitor to Parkville Saturday.

The Baptists of Plain Branch have a brand new parsonage, "one and a half" and the Rev. Mr. Langley says, will soon add one to their preacher.

Mr. Milton Bussey, of Modoc, was among us the other day smiling from ear to ear, and upon inquiry we found that a little Miss Bussey had come into his home to be a permanent resident. She is only a few days old and weighs 12 pounds; no wonder he smiles.

Mr. John Milton Bell book-keeper for Luke & Fleming of Augusta visited home folks Sunday. His friends are always glad to welcome him when he reviews his old stamping ground and the sweethearts of his youth.

The B. Y. P. U. last night was well attended, the subject being Education. Mr. D. N. Dorn and J. M. Bussey made good talks, and a most excellent paper was read by Mrs. W. W. Fowler. There was no program adopted for the B. Y. P. U. workers next Sunday night, but the time was given to public meeting of the W. C. T. U. The meeting will be held in the interest of temperance as a memorial of the founders of this great organization, Miss Frances E. Willard.

An election was held in this town for officers of this municipality for the ensuing year Tuesday last which resulted as follows: W. M. Robertson, Intendant; D. A. J. Bell, J. P. Brunson, W. G. Blackwell and Henry H. Freeman, wardens. We look hopefully to our city fathers for many needed improvements in our bustling little town.

Miss Martha Dorn, Miss Sallie Parks, Mrs. M. Waters, assisted by Miss Annie McDonald and Mrs. J. J. Gilmer, are getting up special music appropriate for Easter. All the above named are born musicians and we look for an especial treat at Easter.

Mr. Tom Cartledge killed a pig Saturday 5 months old that weighed 160 pounds, net. If the farmers can raise such pigs generally, they will solve the meat problem.

Capt. James of the C. & W. C. railroad moves to-day to the Mountain Creek section, and Capt. Raymond moves in to take his place.

Mr. M. C. Parker and family of your town were welcome visitors in the home of Hon. T. G. Talbert Saturday and Sunday.

MORE ANON.

Some newspaper men are terrible liars. In writing of a cyclone out west one of them said it turned a well inside out, a cellar upside down, moved a township line, blew the staves out of a whiskey barrel and left nothing but the bung hole, changed the day of the week, blew a mo trace off a farm, blew the crabs out of a rail fence, and knocked the gall out of a politician. Next.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

Standing Committees Appointed Report of Board of County Commissioners Embodied in Presentment.

To His Honor R. C. Watts, Presiding Judge, March term of court for Edgefield county:

We the Grand Jury for the year 1910 have passed on the indictments handed to us by the court, and have made returns thereon to the court. This being the first meeting for the year, we have not considered any matters which may have been unfinished under the term of Grand Jury for the year 1909. Such matters will have our consideration later, if necessary.

The following committees have been appointed to look after such matters as are generally looked after by our body. County officers, J. L. Smith, B. B. Jones, J. C. Lewis, W. E. Lott, J. W. Kemp.

Public Buildings: B. Canelou, W. T. Kinnaird, J. R. Moss.

Roads, Ferries and Bridges: C. E. Quarles, W. H. Ryan, Martin Medlock, J. S. Rodgers.

County Chain Gang: W. R. Swearingen, W. J. Harling, P. H. Bussey.

County Home: L. R. Brunson, P. B. Whately, S. T. Williams.

We desire to call the attention of all magistrates in our county to the necessity of complying with the law in binding over witnesses and taking correct testimony in full and in filing all necessary papers with the clerk of court before time for court, as prescribed by law. We find that the laxity of magistrates in this respect is one of the greatest causes in the delay and expense of the court.

We also present in connection with this report a report from the county commissioners concerning the practice of the magistrates. We recommend that the magistrate of district No. 7 and district No. 8 be dealt with in such a manner as the law may require, such as to require to execute the law as is mentioned in the presentment of the county commissioners, which is attached hereto.

Mr. A. C. Outts, magistrate of district No. 8, has accepted \$49.00 from 49 men as fine and commutation tax in full.

We appreciate the very clear, able and forceful charge made to us by His Honor, Judge Watts concerning the duties of Grand Jurors. We also thank the solicitor and all other court officials at this term of court for the courtesies extended to us.

Very respectfully,
J. L. SMITH,
Foreman.

Report of Board of County Commissioners.

To Thomas Stansell, foreman of the Grand Jury for Edgefield county:

We beg leave to report that we have examined the dockets of the magistrates of this county when submitted to us at our quarterly meetings as required by law.

We find that the present magistrates during their present term of office have collected and paid in the treasury the following, to wit: Magistrate of the first district, \$20.00; of the second district, \$22.50; of the third district, 00; of the fourth district, \$139.00; of the fifth district, \$278.50; of the sixth district, \$40.00; of the seventh district, \$86.70; of the eighth district, \$75.00; making a total of \$661.70.

We notice that the magistrates of the seventh and eighth districts have in some instances imposed a fine of one dollar each for violation of the road law. The amount of commutation tax is two dollars, and we believe that no fine should be imposed in such cases for less than the amount of the regular commutation tax. We think that some penalty should be added to the amount of the regular road tax. And we ask that the Grand Jury call the attention of the magistrates to this matter, and suggest that a proper fine be imposed in each case.

We notice that several pages of the docket of the magistrate of the eighth district have been taken out, the magistrate, A. C. Outts, stating that he has used the stubs of the missing pages of the old docket only for the purpose of taking down the names of parties reported to him for non-performance of road duty. We suggest that the Grand Jury at the next sitting of the court examine all of the dockets of the magistrates in connection with this report, so that they can inform themselves more fully of the matters set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. Montrie, Sup. E. C.
J. N. Griffiths, Com. E. C.
J. O. Harin, Com. E. C.
Nov. 3rd 1909

Forcing Respect for the Law.

W. H. Brigman, "a well-to-do and extensive farmer of Marion," severely beat an old white woman who was working for him. Brigman, as we are told by our Marion correspondent, had been in numerous shooting and fighting affairs, but heretofore has escaped prosecution. With money he could buy immunity.

The latest case was intended to be no exception; Brigman succeeded in getting the old woman to drop the case. Prosecutors are bought off in almost every county every year. But in this Marion case, Solicitor Wells interfered. Solicitors are far too prone to accept the failure of an injured person to prosecute as an excuse for "dropping" cases against lawbreakers. Mr. Wells did not evade his duty; he handed out an indictment against Brigman and the grand jury returned a true bill.

And then Brigman, expecting to escape with a fine, pleaded guilty. But he miscalculated. Judge Ernest Gary on the bench, sentenced the brute to eighteen months' hard labor on the chain gang. He was not given the alternative of a fine; his money failed to make a monkey out of the law and the court.

Solicitor Wells and Judge Gary have done Marion county and South Carolina good service.—The State.

Asked to Choose.

A well known southern judge receives a story about a white man, who during reconstruction times was arraigned before a colored justice of the peace for killing a man and stealing his mule. It was in Arkansas, near the Texas border, and there was some rivalry between the states, but the colored justice tried always to preserve an impartial frame of mind.

"We've got two kinds of law in this yer co't," he said: "Texas law an' Arkansas law. Which will you hab?"

The prisoner thought a minute, and then he said that he would take the Arkansas law.

"Den I discharge you fo' stealin' de mule, an' hang you fo' killin' de man," said

"Hold on a minute, judge," said the prisoner. "Better make that Texas law."

"All right; under de law of Texas, I fin' you fo' killin' de man, an' hang you fo' stealin' de mule."—Lippincott's.

Keep Only Young Hens For Laying.

As a result of the generally growing disposition to look more closely into all phases of farming, it has been shown that after a hen is two years old she is rarely a profitable layer. She will usually lay more eggs her first laying season than during any subsequent period. In some cases she may lay a sufficient number of eggs her second year to pay a profit on her keep.

Sell or eat the hens over eighteen months old and the average production will be increased and the profits enlarged.—Progressive Farmer.

Get the Machinery Ready Now.

Much time is also lost in the spring by implements and gear not being in perfect condition. Not only should the implements be put in first-class order, but all probable repairs and additions to the equipment should be provided for. It is bad practice to wait until an implement is gotten out for immediate service to find that a bolt or a bar is needed, and it is equally unprofitable to send an implement to the field with a dull cutting surface that should be sharp, or with a scouring surface so rough or rusty that it will not do effective work.

This is the time to begin getting the work stock and implements in order for hard and effective work later, when every hour will count for more than two hours now. These things cannot be neglected without serious loss and the man who does so has no reason to complain of hard luck when a horse is injured or dies from colic or overwork, or when valuable time is lost through implements being found out of condition.—Progressive Farmer.

Every Story Has Two Sides.

Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see," says the old adage. It is well to bear this in mind while listening to the latest bit of scandal. Never condemn your neighbor unheard, however many the accusations which may be preferred against him. Every story has two ways of being told, and justice requires that you should hear the defense as well as the accusation; and remember that the malignity of enemies may place you in a similar predicament.—Ex.

CALHOUN HONORED.

Statue of John C. Calhoun Placed in Statuary Hall. Unveiling Exercises held Saturday.

Washington, March 12.—The capitol was the scene of a notable event today when in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, a statue of John C. Calhoun, the great South Carolina separatist, was unveiled in statuary hall.

The unveiling ceremony took place at 11 o'clock and was conducted wholly by South Carolinians. The cords holding together the drapery around the marble figure were loosened by Mrs. Bratton and Miss Gist, both daughters of the Palmetto state, and immediately afterwards, the verbal ceremonies were begun. Governor Ansel presided and former governor Maalind delivered the principal oration. The statue is a bold piece of work, depicting its subject in strident attitude. It is placed on the south side of Statuary Hall between the figures of Ethan Allen and Lewis Cass, and directly, if not defiantly, faces the effigy of Webster, Calhoun's greatest antagonist, which stands calmly on its pedestal on the north side of the hall.

The ceremonies of acceptance took place in the senate and house after the completion of the exercises in the hall. It was in the two houses that the representatives of the two ante-bellum belligerent states met to once more bury the hatchet, Senator Lodge and Representative McCall speaking for the New England commonwealth and Senator Smith and a number of South Carolina representatives for that State. An address was made in the senate also by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon. Messrs. Lodge and McCall spoke eulogistically of the personality of the subject of the exercises.

The Calhoun family was represented at the unveiling by several grand children. The occupied especially assigned seats in all places. In the senate the president's and vice president's rows were reserved for them.

Representative Aiken of South Carolina who represents the district of South Carolina from which Mr. Calhoun was sent to congress, sketched Calhoun's career, and compared him to Lincoln.

"The two most conspicuous figures—and those who will survive longest in the memory of mankind—of that greatest contest over the conflicting theories of our government are John C. Calhoun and Abraham Lincoln," he said. "The achievements of Mr. Lincoln are viewed through the glamor of success and the halo of the martyr while the cause for which Mr. Calhoun labored—the perpetuation of the Union as it came from the hands of the fathers,—went down to defeat.

"Notwithstanding defeat and disaster, he continues to be regarded as the aristocrat of American politics; and with the mind of a seer and the heart of a hero he survives in the respect of his countrymen, wept, honored and sung.

"If he had been endowed with less integrity of purpose and more policy, he could surely have been president. That great honor we believe he laid down because he would be the tool of no man, and because its acceptance would have sacrificed principles, the establishment of which had consumed the greater part of his life.

The North's Tribute.
"In point of intellect and in purity of character," said Representative McCall of Massachusetts, in accepting the statue, "Calhoun ranks among the very greatest of our statesmen, and although his name is more conspicuously identified with the theory of nullification, a theory to which his great power of logic gave practical force as a political principle, more than once in critical times he devoted himself to preventing a rupture between the central and the state governments and of maintaining the union. He was throughout his whole life devoted to his native state."

Senator Lodge's speech was an eulogy of Calhoun, the man. "We do well to place here a statue of Calhoun," said the Senator. "I would that he could stand with none but his peers about him and not elbowed and crowded by the temporary notorious and the illustrious obscure. His statue is here of right. He was really a great man, one of the great figures of our history. He was the greatest man South Carolina has given to the nation. He was one of the most remarkable men, one of the greatest minds that American public life can show."—Augusta Chronicle.